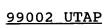
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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Official Action dated February 25, 2004, placing this patent application under final rejection. For the reasons discussed below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims.

In the Final Action dated February 25, 2004, new grounds of rejection were applied against independent Claim 1, the only independent claim pending in this patent application. More

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